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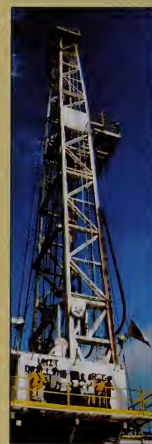


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Welcome to a brand new school year and another issue of *The Apache* magazine.

The summer is over and the College is bustling with the excitement of a new year. Our Fall semester enrollment is the highest on record—a 7.2 percent increase over last fall's record number.

Football, volleyball and soccer are in full swing and plans are complete for another wonderful Homecoming in October.

In this issue of *The Apache* we look back at the 18 years of work Ruth Flynn has given the world-famous Apache Belles. One of the Alumni Association's 2002 award recipients, Ruth recently shared the story of her first days on the TJC campus with us. They were challenging times for a challenging woman!

Speaking of the Apache Belles, read about the experiences of a select few Belles who performed during the summer at the Six Flags Over Texas theme park in Arlington.

We also bring you the story of a China exchange student program that may have set the stage for future intercultural exchanges with the City of Tyler and Tyler Junior College. And, you'll enjoy reading about that young Opryland performer from Apacheland, Tanya Sims Hurst. Tanya played the role of country music legend Patsy Cline recently and had audiences tapping their feet and singing along.

As always, there are Class Notes that will bring you the latest news on former classmates, and news from campus and beyond.

We hope you enjoy the issue.

Oh, and in the next issue of *The Apache* we'll introduce a new look and some new features we think you'll love right away! More on that later ... we don't want to spoil the surprise!

The Editors

FACULTY PROFILE:

Ruth Flynn

Needed Kilgore to Find Her True Colors

By Fred Peters

Ruth Flynn has been directing the kicks and moves of our favorite dance and drill team for 18 years. It's a career that's been built on the drive to stay a step ahead of the competition.

And Ruth knows that competition all too well.

Rangerette faithful called her a traitor when she left Kilgore College to become the director of the Apache Belles in 1984. To her surprise, there were murmurs in Apacheland, too.

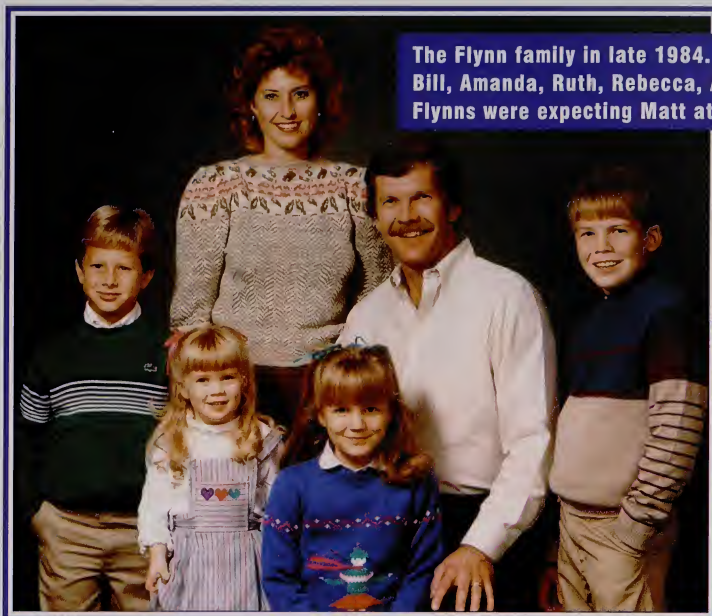
How could it be that Tyler Junior College selected a Rangerette defector to lead their beloved Belles?

Taking all things in stride, as she always does, Ruth plunged head-first into a challenge that was, perhaps, greater than she imagined.

Newly re-married and with a family that now included four children, she threw caution to the wind to live and work in Tyler, where her husband, Alvin, was a successful attorney. It was not an easy decision, nor were her first days on the TJC campus.

Recently, Ruth reflected on what influenced her to become a dance and drill instructor, and on the decision that turned her black and gold.





The Flynn family in late 1984. From left to right are Bill, Amanda, Ruth, Rebecca, Alvin and Adam. The Flynnns were expecting Matt at the time of the photo.

When she graduated from Arp High School in 1968, Ruth Elizabeth Parish had her sights set on a music education and a future career as a band director. The Arp High School drum major her senior year, she chose Kilgore College because TJC's Apache Princess was Jackie Allen, another Arp High School graduate who would be entering her sophomore year at TJC.

When her quest for the Ranger Band drum major position fell to a KC classmate (whom it so happened would go on to be named Miss Texas the next year), it appeared her dream of leading a college marching band onto the field had been



Her first line of Apache Belle Captains.

dashed. Until, that is, someone suggested that she try out for the Rangerettes.

At Arp High School there was no equivalent to the field and stage routines of the Rangerettes or Apache Belles. Once a Rangerette, it didn't take long for Ruth to discover that their high-kicks and half-time dance routines were fun—and maybe even more fun than being a drum major. By the end of her first year with the Rangerettes, Ruth had become an instructional

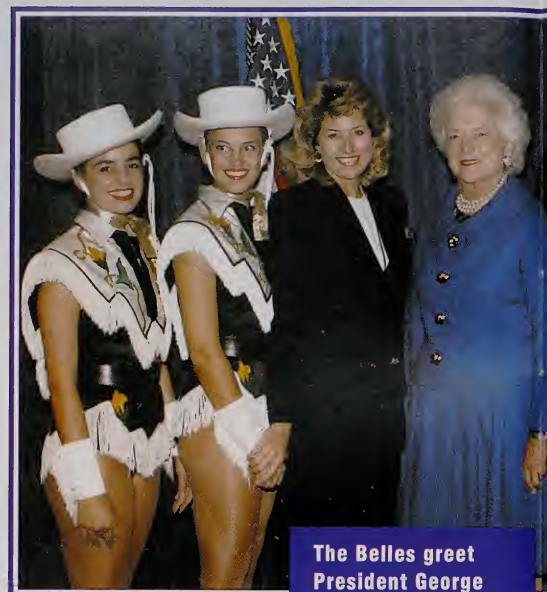
aide and was asked by Deana Bolton (now Deana Bolton Covin) to help lead a class in drill team. As she neared the completion of her two years at Kilgore, Bolton—a physical education instructor who would later inherit the directorship of the

Rangerettes—suggested Ruth pursue a degree in physical education and a career as a drill team instructor. "She was very influential to me, so I felt like she knew what I needed to do," Ruth recalled.

It was sound advice that Ruth never questioned. She went on to complete her bachelor's degree in physical education at North Texas State University. Married a year before completing her bachelor's degree, she and her husband moved to Oklahoma, where she found no immediate opportunity to teach drill team or twirling. But in 1975, they returned to East Texas, where Ruth taught dance and drill team at her Longview studio.

She was flattered when Deana Bolton asked her to help with Rangerette summer camp. Eventually she was asked to assist with Rangerette choreography, working with Denard Haden, who had been choreographing Rangerette dance routines since the group's beginning in 1948. Haden retired in 1978, leaving choreography to Ruth, who became assistant director and a full-time Kilgore College faculty member in 1981.

As assistant director and choreographer, she helped infuse the latest dance steps into the Rangerette routine. But when she married Alvin Flynn in 1982 and moved to Tyler, another wind of change began to blow. The drive from



The Belles greet President George Bush during his visit to Tyler in 1990.





Tyler to Kilgore and back each day while raising four children was beginning to take its toll.

Meanwhile, at TJC, Jack Smith was doing double-duty, directing both the Band and Belles. In 1984, Jack officially asked Ruth if she would be interested in directing the Apache Belles. (Ruth says it was not the first time that possibility had been mentioned to her.)

"Everybody thought I was jumping ship. It was very traumatic," she recalled. "I remember it was in May of 1984. I had interviewed and they knew that I had interviewed. But, at that time, Dr. Hawkins (TJC President Dr. Raymond Hawkins) said he would not consider me, really, unless I was not employed. So, I did a lot of praying. I knew I was burning some bridges."

She elected to resign from her position at Kilgore and hope for the best.

When the offer to work with the Belles was officially extended and accepted, Ruth was faced with the task of approaching her mentor with the news.

"Deana Bolton and I have always been so close. She did so much for me growing up. She was my teacher and was very influential on me at that time, and of course later somebody that I worked with on a daily basis.

"Her first reaction was not a very positive one."

Leaving behind friends and torn by their reaction to her good news, Ruth arrived on the TJC campus to

The Apache Belles march in the 1984 Rose Festival Parade.



work from cramped quarters in decaying Gentry Gymnasium. There were 11 Apache Belles who would return to school that fall. During the late 1970s there had been as many as 100.

"I pulled them in and started running as fast as I could. I had

never been a director before, and actually I was assistant director to Jack then, officially, but I knew what was expected of me."

She asked her Belles to report two weeks earlier than had been the standard for the fall semester, to prepare for an appearance at the Cotton Bowl. It was a celebration of the performance of U.S. athletes in the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, and it was the Belles' first event of the Flynn era.

It was a performance and a time in her life she will never forget.

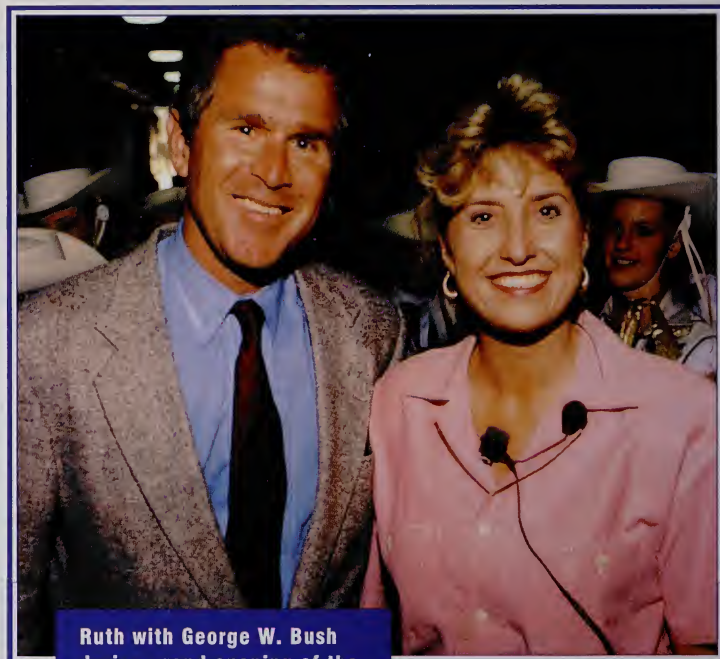
"My dad died on Thursday and the performance was the next day, Friday, August 17," she said.

Her first year at the helm also saw the Belles perform at a Dallas Cowboys' football game in Irving, march in the Cotton Bowl Parade, participate in a movie filmed near Waco and assist with a Donnie and Marie Osmond concert at Tyler's Oil Palace.

But other than losing her father on the eve of her first performance for Tyler Junior College, the event that stands out most in her mind is her first Rangerette-Apache Belle confrontation.

It was on a lot of minds, and it had been weeks prior to the date of the game performance.

But on the Monday of the final week of preparation for the Kilgore game, she learned some startling news. Gentry Gymna-



Ruth with George W. Bush during grand opening of the Ballpark in Arlington, 1994.

sium, where the Belles rehearsed each day, had collapsed during a weekend rainstorm. Its flat roof had crumpled, its walls had bowed, and the premises had been condemned.

"Here we are, out on the maintenance building parking lot trying to have rehearsal to meet Kilgore that Saturday," she said. "I was fit to be tied. We couldn't get uniforms out, we had no props, we couldn't get into my office."

That Saturday, as the rains continued to fall, a dark cloud was lifted from Ruth Flynn's midst. What might have been a



With Belle Babe Sage Tyree.



The Flynn family today. Pictured with Ruth and Alvin are bride Rebecca, with her husband Patrick; Matt (third from left); Adam and his wife, Marissa (center); Amanda and Bill (far right).

less than boastful Belles performance, given their make-shift practice schedule, was averted.

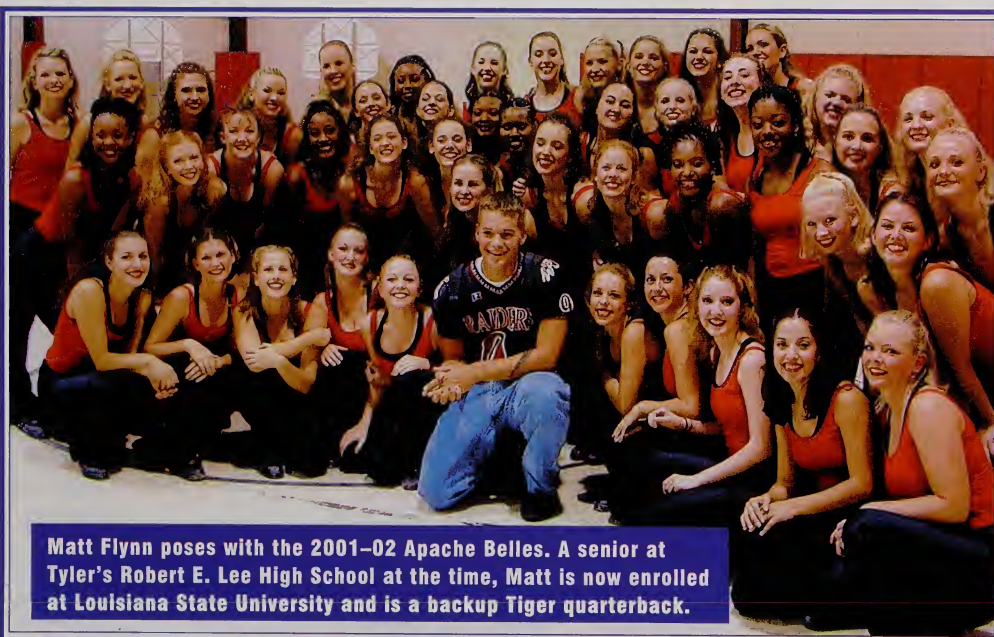
"The Lord made it rain," she laughed.

The rainfall was so intense that Belles and Rangerettes performances were scrubbed.

The future looked bright.

Later that month, Ruth learned she was pregnant. "I guess I just decided I could do everything all at once, this job, have a baby, work on my master's. I learned early in life how to wear a lot of hats."

The birth of Matt in June of 1985 meant there were five children in the Flynn household. "People used to say, 'how do you manage such a big family?' and I would say, 'well, I have 60 girls up at the school, so five kiddos at the house seems like nothing.'"



Matt Flynn poses with the 2001-02 Apache Belles. A senior at Tyler's Robert E. Lee High School at the time, Matt is now enrolled at Louisiana State University and is a backup Tiger quarterback.

The next several years saw change like never before on the TJC campus.

The site of Ruth's disbelief in October of 1984 became the home to Rogers Student Center in 1987. And, to the east of their temporary practice facilities in Wagstaff Gymnasium was built the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, where the Belles Studio now resides for rehearsals and camps.

"We thought we had died and gone to Heaven. It's still a wonderful place, 15 years later," she said.

While raising her family, adding to and adjusting the Belles uniform and completing her master's degree, the Belles' 50th anniversary didn't go unnoticed. It was something Ruth saw on the radar screen years ago and celebrating it in 1997 helped bring about new traditions.

The Belle Gold began walking the rim at Rose Stadium with the current Belles that year and the Belle Babes and Belle Gold

programs expanded. Belle Babes continues to provide performance opportunities for young girls and serves as a recruitment tool for the future.

Ruth expects she will one day see a Belle Babe become a true Apache Belle.

"I have some who are 10 and 11 years old now. It won't be long."

This year Ruth and her Belles celebrate the group's 55th anniversary. And, at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon prior to Homecoming, Belles and Belle Gold get the opportunity to express to Ruth—this year's Apache Spirit Award recipient—their thanks and congratulations for that fateful decision, the one that turned her to black and gold. 🏠

APACHE BELLES

Perform in Six Flags "Best of Texas" Show

by Nita Wilson

The Tyler Junior College Apache Belles will celebrate their 55th anniversary this fall, and this summer the Show Group helped Six Flags Over Texas celebrate 40 years as one of Texas's leading entertainment and tourist destinations.





The "Best of Texas" brought together some of the Lone Star State's top attractions. Near the main gate fountain, on the Silver Star Carousel Stage, the Best of Texas performers entertained Six Flags visitors.

"We were very honored to be included in this major event this season at Six Flags. I knew it would be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our group along with Tyler and the college," Ruth Flynn,



Apache Belles director/choreographer, said.

"The Show Group at Six Flags has worked extremely hard and consistently performed outstanding shows two times a day seven days a week. Being outdoors in the heat for the performances has been challenging for them, but they have been spectacular!"

The Belles pranced onto the stage at 2 and 3 p. m. daily as the announcer promoted "beautiful" Tyler, known for its roses, and the world-renown Tyler Junior College Apache Belles, famous for their synchronized high-kick dance routines.

The audience experienced what makes the Belles a favorite as the Show Group danced to *Deep in the Heart of Texas* before a backdrop of yellow roses with their slogan "What A Kick!"

Their versatility was highlighted during the show with routines ranging from rock and flamenco to clogging. The upbeat tempo had people of all ages clapping their

hands and tapping their toes while some just couldn't resist the urge to dance.

"Kids all try to do the clogging. It's just the cutest thing. I love to watch them," said Michelle Johnson, a Belle from Midlothian.

"We have people clapping and dancing. I like it. It shows the audience really enjoys what you're doing. We have people come up afterwards for autographs and pictures," Kristine Sumrall, Irving, said. "It's a great experience. You never know what to expect."

"The little girls want to do what your doing, and they want to take pictures. It touches your heart. It makes me nostalgic. When I was a little girl, I wanted to do that too. It's really sweet. It makes it more worthwhile," said Lindsay Loftis, Waxahachie.

The Belles, like many teens, have had conventional waitress, receptionist and baby-sitting jobs. They consider Six Flags one of the best gigs in the state. "My goals for the summer would be to work and work out, and I get to do both at the same time. It keeps me in shape, and I get to see all my friends. I like it," Loftis said.

"It's a blast! We're having so much fun. We get to dance every day and play around in the park. It's a great experience," said Kelly Baker, Irving, show captain. "It's really different from dancing at football games because the audience is so close."



Some of them come up afterwards to have their pictures taken with us, and we sign autographs. It's pretty cool."

For Bailey Ephland, Arlington, the "Best of Texas" shows provide an opportunity for her family and friends to see her perform in a Six Flags television commercial and in person. "I love it. It's really neat. I've grown up going to all these shows. My brother works here, so my friends and I would get passes and hang out here in the summer when I was a kid. To be able to come here and perform is really special. I remember what it was like to be in the audience. Now, all my friends are coming out to see me," she said. "Some of the workers here, who are on high school drill teams, stop us and ask where we're from. It has actually been good recruiting for us."

Abby Smith, Corsicana, said working at Six Flags is just another one of the many exciting activities that Belles enjoy along with trips to interesting places such as New York and Ireland. However, it had additional benefits.



"It's a great job. I'm paid well and it's a lot of fun," Jennifer Turner, Cedar Hill, said.

"This will help me stay in shape this summer," Johnson said. "I'm actually getting paid for something I love to do. It's a great environment. Plus, I've been with these girls for two years, and it's nice to stay together just a little bit longer."

Amanda Johnston, Brownsboro, agrees the pay is nice, but it's not the most important benefit. "It's a really great experience—different. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," she said. "The best part is keeping the friendships with the other Belles." 🏠

The 2002–03 Apache Belles and Belle Guard



Sophomore Apache Belles: Valerie Williams, Longview, Head Dance Captain; Leslie Bardin, Rowlett, Dance Captain; Hannah Elmore, Grapevine, Dance Captain; Emyli Mobley, Mt. Pleasant, Dance Captain; Cassie Smith, Grapevine, Dance Captain; Robyn Baker, Marshall; Shemelce Beck, Corsicana; April Cole, Carrollton; Ashleigh Crider, Hallsville; Krishinda Curley; Stacie Harding, North Richland Hills; Kate Hogan, Richardson; Tori Hrcir, Mesquite; Tara Johnson, Joshua; Ashley Lovely, Tatum; Rachel Mock, Tyler; Shanel Naumann, McKinney; Ashley Olford, Lufkin; Rachel Simpson, Denton; Shannon Smith, Lewisville; and Dawn Williams, Dickinson.

Freshman Apache Belles: Amy Blohm, Leander; Ashley Byerley, Katy; Amy Cantu, Conroe; Erin Clark, Hallsville; Sara Clemens, Gilmer, The Colony; Kandice Garcia, Irving; Jodi Gothard, Gladewater; Tayna Hale, Kilgore; Kristin Hayman, Houston; Tara Jordan, Tyler; Jami Kisinger, The Colony; Angela Mitchell, Porter; Debbie Morton, The Colony; Melissa Quimby, Bryan; Emily Theriot, Flower Mound; Tiffany Thompson, Round Rock; Stephanie Upchurch, Joshua; Jnnifer Wagar, Tatum; and Megan Woolery, Houston.

Apache Belle Guards: Rusty Vann, New Caney; Brian Dennard, New Caney; Derek Schueler, Mesquite; Brandon Whitehorn, New Caney; Anthony Petta, Lufkin; and Collin Blood, Ben Wheeler.

MILES



But Very Much Alike

By Fred M. Peters



Qujing, China exchange students got close to a Texas icon recently, courtesy of a field trip arranged by TJC Professor Linda Cross. Their course in Texas Culture provided their first look at an operating drilling rig.

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TJC Faculty Deliver Educational Component of China Exchange Project

When the cities of Tyler, Texas and Qujing, China began discussing a cultural exchange relationship about a year ago, one of the required elements that emerged was education.

For its visitors to the Rose City, Qujing, China delegates wanted an academic component, one that could be provided by a college and offered in short blocks of study throughout the three-week visit.

Tyler Junior College President Dr. William R. Crowe said he viewed the China visit as an exciting challenge for TJC.

"We were offered the opportunity to provide short courses of interest that would add to the information exchange between Qujing, China and Tyler," Dr. Crowe said. "It seemed natural for our institution to be a partner in this exchange."

Through the School of Continuing Studies and the School of University Studies, the College prepared a curriculum that included courses in Texas culture and American communication, food, film, free enterprise, higher education, media and music.

The daily morning sessions met on the TJC campus, but the learning stretched beyond the classroom. Instructors led the six exchange students and their professor on field trips to an oil and gas drilling rig, a ranch, a book store, the Tyler Morning Telegraph and Canton's First Monday Trades Days.



TJC Scholars Academy students pose with China exchange students during a campus tour on July 13.

The classroom and field trip time supplemented an already busy schedule that included group trips to San Antonio and Dallas as well as host-family arranged activities.

Professor Linda Cross said she was impressed at the students' communication skills and interest in American and Texas culture.

"The second day of class I asked each one to express something about our culture that they had seen and didn't understand. One of the girls wanted to know about the term 'cowboys' and why they aren't called 'horse boys.' I thought that was interesting," she said. "They learned quickly that there are contradictions in our culture."

In her class, students studied maps of East Texas and discussed parallels between their home city and Tyler. They also learned about the discovery and history of the Lone Star state. The first Texas Culture class meeting included a trip to a

Pictured are (bottom to top with "given" American names): Professor Charles, Lee, Elizabeth, June, Simon, Zoe and Frazier.



Frazier does his best cowboy impression atop Clipper, a horse owned by Kelly Cross, at the family's Kickapoo Ranch.

working oil and gas drilling operation east of Tyler. It was the students' first view of an oil rig, said their professor, "Charles" Wu. Professor Wu said the nearest oil and gas operations in China are some 750 miles from Qujing, which is located in the southern province of Yunnan.

On the way back to campus, the group stopped at the Cross family ranch near Swinneytown, where they had the opportunity to have photos taken on a horse.

"I think they had heard a lot about the association of Texas and cowboys," Cross said.

Frank Rucker, who was one of two TJC professors to lead a tour of Canton's First Monday Trades Days, said the daylong outing was educational as well as fun.

"They have a lot of open markets but they don't have anything that large," he said. "They kept commenting on how big it was. We spent five or six hours there and we still didn't see everything."

Rucker said he also found the students to be "very diligent shoppers. We would spend 20–30 minutes in one spot while they would make decisions."

Several of the booth vendors,



when told that the group of students was visiting from China, offered free souvenirs.

Both Rucker and Cross said they found a lot of similarities between the exchange students and their typical TJC student.

"They seemed to be very much like our students in terms of personality and getting involved in our activities," Cross said. "I thought they were very much like our typical students. They loved the comparison between us and their home country in terms of agriculture, population and demographics."

"The one thing I think they didn't grasp is our Texas slang," Rucker admitted. "Other than that, I did not have a minute's trouble conversing with them. They were very gracious and complimentary guests."

The Chinese students were selected for the exchange trip by the teacher's college they attend in Qujing. Cross said she felt the experience was ideal for students who are being trained to become teachers.

"They will go back with this memory, and whether they ever come back to the United States or study our culture again they will be able to make comparisons that will give their students perspective. This is a great opportunity for future educators. There is a great deal of benefit from this kind of cultural exchange because they'll be able to use it in the classroom."

Dr. Crowe said the arrangement may open the door for future exchanges among TJC faculty and the people of Qujing, Yunan Province. TJC instructors were unanimous in expressing a willingness to be a part of an ongoing relationship.

Other participating faculty and staff members were Rebecca Bibby, Joan Bruckwicki, Stephanie Lassanske, Joan Muller, Cora Oxler, Nancy Paul and Jacque Shackelford.

The curriculum and schedule of instruction were arranged with the assistance of Dr. Aubrey Sharpe, dean of continuing studies; Dr. Robert Peters, dean of university studies; Mona Henderson, continuing education director; and

Olga Burrell, continuing education program development manager. 🏛️



Above, Scholars Academy student Sarah Beam leads students on a campus tour following a luncheon in their honor July 13.

Below, Qujing Delegate Dr. David Dykes, left and TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe pose with Professor "Charles" Wu during a completion ceremony held for the students on August 2.



Always . . . Tanya

by Nita Wilson



The voice filling the Tyler Civic Theatre with country music classics like *Crazy* and *Sweet Dreams* sounds like singing legend Patsy Cline. The dark-haired singer belting out the tunes before the “Grand Ole Opry” sign resembles photos of country’s leading female star in the late ’50’s and early ’60’s. However, the twinkle in her eye and the warmth she emits as she encourages audience participation with *Come On In (And Sit Right Down)* are unmistakably Tanya Sims Hurst (’93).

It’s a voice familiar to Tylerites who saw her in Robert E. Lee High School productions of *Bye Bye Birdie*, the *Fantasticks* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. At TJC, she was a member of Harmony and Understanding, and played lead roles in *42nd Street* and *Oklahoma*.

“42nd Street was a highlight,” Tanya said. “It utilized everything I had learned in my life...tap dancing, singing and acting.”

“She is such a talented young lady. We were fortunate to have her,” Dr. Cheryl Rogers, managing director, Fine and Performing Arts, said.

The praise is mutual. Tanya credits Dr. Rogers, J. W. Johnson and other members of the TJC music and theatre departments with having an incredible impact on her life. “They don’t just teach you; they mentor you. They keep in contact and become life-long friends. They want to know what’s going on in your life, and they support what you’re doing.”

It’s not surprising that she was featured in TJC commercials. “Two of the best years of my life were spent at TJC, and I mean that with all my heart,” she said. “TJC provides so many performance opportunities for fine arts majors, and the talent at this school was just phenomenal.”

Her TJC ties go back to kindergarten days. “I took dance from Candy Crocker Jordan who was an Apache Belle and a graduate of TJC,” Tanya said. “I always wanted to be like Candy when I grew up. She’s been an incredible mentor for me.”

She also values the friendships she formed as a college student. “In Harmony, we really became such a family. We went everywhere and sang everywhere.” She remains especially close to Amy Graham who also shared her experiences performing in Nashville.

As part of Welcome Week activities this semester, Tanya sang as a member of a trio of TJC alumni, Amy Portwood Walker (’95), a friend from Robert E. Lee High School days, and Mike Hickman (’94), the male lead in *Oklahoma*. Known as “Crossed Over,” the group combines music



Pictured are some of Tanya's past performances. Top left—42nd Street, 1992; top right—Harmony Extravaganza, 1993; bottom left—as Patsy Cline at Grand Ole Opry; and bottom center and right—Pop's Concert in 1993.

and humor in a contemporary praise and ministry concert.

For the past two summers, Tanya has filled the breaks as music teacher at Whitehouse's Cain Elementary School in the lead role of *Always...Patsy Cline*. She describes the experience of playing Cline and singing 26 songs in two hours as both fun and challenging. "I could never sound like her, but my goal was to stylize the music," she said. "I wanted to take the audience back for two hours, and bring her back to life in a way that did her justice. I hope and pray that we were able to do that."

However, Patsy Cline was not Tanya's first female country singer role. She has performed at Branson, Missouri and spent two summers in Opryland's Country Music USA show impersonating country music stars such as Loretta Lynn and Dolly Parton.

At the time, she was a teenager and she believes she was too young, and her voice wasn't mature enough, to sing Patsy Cline songs. Plus, *Always...Patsy* was different. "It wasn't just singing her songs, but reliving a few days of her life as well," Tanya said.

Although she enjoyed the play and has many requests to

reprise the Patsy role, Tanya, unlike many Elvis impersonators who spend their lives portraying the "King of Rock 'n Roll," also wants to be a success as herself.

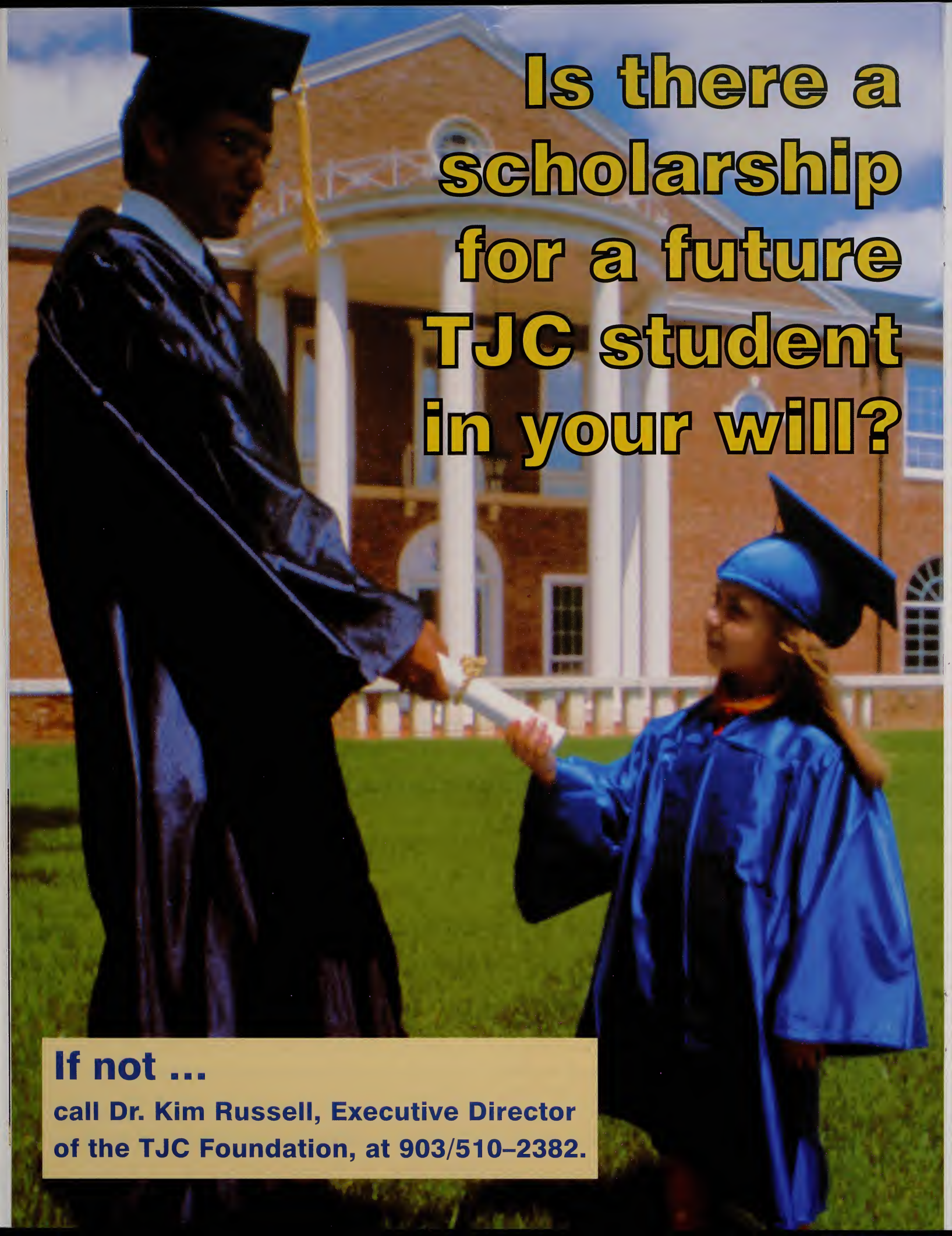
Her mother, Jenny, former TJC residence hall manager, promotes her tapes and CD's that include *Things to Come* and *Tanya Sings Patsy*.

On week-ends, Tanya directs music at Chandler United Methodist Church, and she's involved with music ministry at Pollard United Methodist Church, Tyler, where she is a member and where she first sang in public.

She feels fortunate that her husband, Brandon, and stepson, Justin, are supportive of all her activities whether that will involve playing Patsy again or singing gospel.

"That's where my heart is," she says. "I've always considered myself a positive country artist. My Christianity influences everything I do. What the future holds professionally, I don't know, but I feel my heart is being led towards a gospel career."

Wherever her path leads, she said she wants to remain true to what God has created her to be—always ... Tanya. 🏠



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THE ARTS

Fantasy, Greed, Music and Farce Coming to a TJC Stage

Three classics and a musical will entertain audiences at Tyler Junior College during the 2002–03 theatre season.

October 8–13—*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, by William Shakespeare, will be directed by Dr. David Crawford, TJC Speech/Theatre department chairman, in Jean Browne Theatre. Perhaps the most popular of Shakespeare's comedies, the Bard humorously celebrates the vagaries of love with his capricious recipe of star-crossed lovers, revelries in fairyland and the aspirations of a bumbling troupe of common laborers.

November 21–26—*The Little Foxes*, by Lillian Hellman, will be directed by award-winning TJC faculty member Clarence L. Strickland in Jean Browne Theatre. One of the U.S.'s leading female playwrights provides a moving depiction of the South through this incisive account of a family's social morality ... a classic portrayal of hatred and greed.

February 26–March 1—*Footloose*, by Dean Pritchford and Walter Bobbie, will be directed by Rebecca Faulds, with music direction by Andrew Skoog, in Wise Auditorium. Surging with the energy of teen-age hit music and the electricity of youthful dance, the Broadway hit celebrates small-town America.

April 24–29—*A Flea in Her Ear*, by George Feydeau, will be directed by Victor L. Siller, veteran TJC theatre faculty member, in Jean Browne Theatre. The classic French farce is funny, frantic, hilarious and romantic.

Box Office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning one week prior to opening night throughout the run of each production. Each evening performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m., and all tickets are \$5 each. Visit the TJC speech/theatre web site at www.tjc.edu/theatre or call 903–510–2212 for information or reservations.

At the Tyler Museum of Art

Mark your calendar and set your watch so you won't be late to the Tyler Museum of Art exhibition **Jewels of Time: Watches from the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute** September 27–January 12. Look for the **Walter O. Evans Collection of African American Art** exhibition February 6–May 4, 2003.

The museum, located at 1300 South Mahon Street, is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday–Saturday and 1–5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.tylermuseum.org or call 903–595–1001.

Upcoming Dramatic, Musical and Cultural Events

September 17, 2002

Founders' Day Memorial Ceremony, Windsor Plaza, 7:45 a.m.

September 20, 2002

Student Recital, Jean Browne Theatre, 12 noon

September 26, 2002

Piano Recital—Dmitri Ratser, Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

October 8–13, 2002

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (except for Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.)

October 11, 2002

Campus Capers, Wise Auditorium, 7 p.m.

October 13, 2002

A Cappella Choir with Paul Levington Wright

Marvin United Methodist Church, 4 p.m.

October 16, 2002

Student Enrichment Series—Brian Thwaites

Apache Rooms, 10 a.m.

October 18, 2002

Fall Student Recital, Jean Browne Theatre, 12 noon

October 24, 2002

Fall Choir Concert, Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 5, 2002

Fall Band Concert, Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 14–15, 2002

"Salute to America" Pops Concert, Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 15, 2002

Student Recital, Jean Browne Theatre, 12 noon

November 21, 2002

Faculty Piano Recital—Kerry Baham, Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 21–26, 2002

The Little Foxes

Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (except for Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.)

December 2, 2002

Fall Chamber Music Recital, Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

December 6, 2002

Student Recital, Jean Browne Theatre, 12 noon

December 6–8, 2002

The Nutcracker, Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

(abbreviated children's performance on Saturday at 2 p.m.;

Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.)

December 8, 2002

Messiah—A Cappella Choir,

Marvin United Methodist Church, 4 p.m.

December 15, 2002

Tyler Youth Orchestra Winter Concert, Wise Auditorium, 2 p.m.

For more information call 903–510–2249

SPORTS

Apache Sports Schedules, Fall 2002

Apache Football Schedule

- Aug. 31 Navarro College, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 7 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor JV, 7 p.m.
 14 Kilgore College, 7 p.m.
 28 ***Blinn College**, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 5 ***Northeastern Oklahoma A&M**, 3 p.m.
 12 ***Navarro College**, 3 p.m. (*Homecoming*)
 19 ***Cisco College**, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 2 ***Trinity Valley Community College**, 3 p.m.
 7 ***Kilgore College**, 7 p.m.
 16 ***First Conference Playoff Game**
 23 ***SWJCFC Championship Game**
 Dec. 7 ***Red River Bowl Game**
 *=Conference game. **Boldface type indicates home game.**

Apache Ladies' Volleyball Schedule

- Sept. 20 Galveston Tournament, TBA
 27 Collin County, Plano, 6 p.m.
 28 ***Blinn College**, Brenham, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 2 ***Navarro College**, Corsicana, 7 p.m.
 7 ***Navarro College**, 7 p.m.
 9 ***Jacksonville College**, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
 11 ***Lon Morris College**, Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
 14 ***Blinn College**, 6:30 p.m.
 16 ***Panola College**, Carthage, 7 p.m.
 18-19 Westark Tournament, Ft. Smith, AR
 21 ***Jacksonville College**, Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
 23 ***Lon Morris College**, 7 p.m.
 26 ***Hill College**, Hillsboro, 2 p.m.
 28 ***Panola College**, 7 p.m.
 30 ***Navarro College**, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 4 ***Lon Morris College**, Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
 6 ***Blinn College**, 6:30 p.m.
 8 ***Panola College**, Carthage, 7 p.m.
 *=Conference Game **Boldface type indicates home match at Wagstaff Gym**

Apache Golf Schedule

- Sept. 23-24 Texas Lutheran University, (W),
 Chaparral CC, Seguin
 30-Oct. 1 Tarleton State University, (W),
 Squaw Valley, Glen Rose
 McLennan Community College, (M),
 Bear Ridge Golf Course, Waco
 Oct. 7-8 Midland College, (M), Ranch Hill Country Club
 14-15 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor,
 (W), Sammon's Park, Temple
 (M), Mill Creek CC, Salado
 21-22 University of Arkansas-Little Rock,
 (W), Stonelinks, Little Rock, AR
 26-27 Paris Junior College (M),
 Paris Golf and Country Club, Paris
 Nov. 4-5 Sam Houston State University, (W),
 Waterwood Resort, Huntsville
 (W=Women, M=Men)

Apache Men's Soccer Schedule

- Sept. 1 Forest Park, St. Louis, MO, 11 a.m.
 5 **Lon Morris College**, 7 p.m.
 6 **Young Harris**, 7 p.m.
 8 San Jacinto College, Houston, 2 p.m.
 14 Barton County, Great Bend, KS, 4 p.m.
 15 Cloud County, Great Bend, KS, 12 p.m.
 21 **Richland College**, 7 p.m.
 22 **Northern Oklahoma**, 1 p.m.
 28 **San Jacinto College**, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Lincoln College, Belleville, IL, 3 p.m.
 5 Southwest Illinois, Belleville, IL, 1 p.m.
 10 East Central, Dallas, TX, 7 p.m.
 11 Kansas City, Dallas, TX, 7 p.m.
 13 Cloud County, Dallas, TX, 11 a.m.
 18 **Richland College**, Dallas, TX, 7 p.m.
 19 **LeTourneau University**, 7 p.m.
 20 **Brookhaven College**, 2 p.m.
 26 **Lon Morris College**, Jacksonville, TX, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 1-2 Region XIV Tournament, Houston, TX
 8-9 Midsouthwest District Tournament, Northern Okla.
 21-24 **NJCAA National Championship Tournament**
Boldface type indicates home game at Pat Hartley Field.

Apache Basketball Schedule

- Oct. 31-2 New Mexico Classic, (W), TBA
 Nov. 12 LSU-Eunice, (W), 6:30 p.m.
Southwest Christian, (M), 7:30 p.m.
 13 **Bacone College**, (M), 7 p.m.
 14-15 Lon Morris Bearcat Classic, (W), TBA
 15-16 Southern Shreveport Classic, (M), Shreveport, LA
 20 **Blinn College**, (WM), 6 & 8 p.m.
 23 Trinity Valley Community College, (WM), 6 & 8 p.m.
 26 **Hill College**, (W), 6 p.m.
Navarro College, (M), 8 p.m.
 29-30 **Men's Tournament**, (M), TBA
 Dec. 4 Kilgore College, (WM), 6 & 8 p.m.
 5 **Midland College**, (W), 6:30 p.m.
 7 Lee College, (M), 8 p.m.
 13-14 Seward (KS) Classic, (W), TBA
 *=Conference Game (W=Women, M=Men)
Boldface type indicates home game at Wagstaff Gym

Apache Tennis Schedule

- Sept. 13-15 **Hollytree Collegiate Benefit**, (WM)
 21-22 SFA Invitational, (W), Nacogdoches
 26 Southeast Oklahoma, (W)
 Oct. 2 North Central Texas, (W), 2 p.m.
 4-6 ITA Regional, (WM), Baytown
 11-13 UTA Fall Invitational, (M)
 17-20 ITA Small College Championships, (WM),
 Corpus Christi
 18-20 Fair Oak Invitational, (M), San Antonio
 25-26 **Bill Day Collegiate Benefit**, (WM)
 Nov. 1-3 UTSA Invitational, (W), San Antonio
 (W=Women, M=Men) **(Bold type indicates home match.)**

ON CAMPUS

TJC Announces 2002–2003 Enrichment Speakers

A retired astronaut, the creator of the Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookies, a brain-trainer and a motivational speaker will be featured during Tyler Junior College's 2002–2003 Student Enrichment Series.

The theme is "Major in Success, Minor in Failure" and each program will start at 10 a.m. in the Apache Rooms of the Rogers Student Center on the TJC campus.

The Student Enrichment Series is open to students and the public at no charge. To assure seating for classes or large groups, tickets are required and may be obtained in the Student Activities Office, second floor, Rogers Student Center. Tickets will also be available immediately prior to each presentation. Group arrangements may be made by calling 510–2259.



The man behind the Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookies, **Wally Amos**, will share his personal recipe for wisdom, humor, joy and positive attitude when he begins the fall semester series **September 10**.

Although Amos moved from Tallahassee to New York City to attend the Food Trades Vocational High School, he became a Saks Fifth

Avenue manager, then an agent with the William Morris Talent Agency where he represented clients such as Simon & Garfunkel and the Supremes. His latest enterprise is the Uncle Noname Cookie Company.

His autobiography is *The Famous Amos Story, the Face that Launched a Thousand Chips*. He collaborated with his son, Gregory, on *The Power of You, Ten Secret Ingredients to Inner Strength*. He has also written *Man with No Name*, *Turning Lemons Into Lemonade* and *Watermelon Magic: Seeds of Wisdom, Slices of Life*.



On **October 16**, **Brian Thwaits**, an entertaining "brain trainer," will present his techniques for better brains.

Thwaits has shown thousands of people how to enhance their learning, communication, creativity, problem solving and thinking skills by using their brains in an innovative way.

A former award-winning college professor with more than 25 years experience at all levels of education, Thwaits has written numerous articles and a book, *The Big Learn: Smart Ways to Use Your Brain*.



On **February 5**, **Fred Haise**, lunar module pilot of the ill-fated Apollo 13 space mission, will be the featured speaker.

The flight became known as a "successful failure" following the safe return of the crew after an oxygen tank exploded and the third lunar landing mission was aborted.

Actor Bill Paxton portrayed Haise in the Ron Howard film, *Apollo 13*, which is based on the actual events.

In 1973, Haise was involved in a crash of a BT 13 aircraft that had been modified for the *Tora! Tora! Tora!* movie to look like a Japanese dive-bomber. In the ensuing fire, he was burned over 65 percent of his body and spent three months in the hospital to recover. It took 14 months for him to regain flight status in 1974 and to go on to fly the space shuttle Enterprise in 1977.

Haise, who graduated from Biloxi, Mississippi High School, received an associates degree from Perkinson Junior College, a bachelor's degree with honors in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma, and an honorary Doctorate of Science from Western Michigan University. He completed postgraduate courses in the USAF Aerospace test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base.



On **April 9**, **Patrick Combs**, a best-selling author, an Internet columnist, and a television personality for PBS's *Career Advantage* will be featured. His first book, *Major in Success*, published in two languages, has sold 100,000 copies, and is used as a college text at more than 100 universities. His next book is titled *Put Your Great Foot Forward*.

In addition, Combs has won Yahoo's Cool Site and Netscape's Site of the Month honors. A former on-camera personality for *Real TV*, he is president and founder of the Good Thinking Company, a provider of success-oriented services and products.

Combs, who graduated from San Francisco State University, paid his way through college managing a rock band. At age 26, he walked away from a manager position with Levi-Strauss & Company to write his first book and become a circuit speaker. By 28, he was a published author and sponsored by a Fortune 100 company to tour 75 of the biggest schools in America.

The Student Enrichment Series is made possible by contributions from Rogers Endowment for Excellence. It is designed to offer a broader perspective about the world through music, literature, lectures and drama.

For more information about the series or other events at TJC, call the Student Activities Office at (903) 510–2259.

Drain Assumes AD Position: Peterson Remains Tennis Coach

Tyler Junior College Head Tennis Coach John Peterson has announced his resignation as the College's director of intercollegiate athletics, effective August 31.

Peterson will remain as TJC's head coach for men's and ladies' tennis, a position he has held for 15 years.

Leadership of the intercollegiate athletics office will be assumed by Dr. Tim Drain, who has served as assistant director of intercollegiate athletics since 1999. Drain's title of director of intercollegiate athletics is effective September 1, said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe.

Peterson, who assumed the dual duties as coach and athletic director in June of 1996, has been coaching TJC's tennis programs since 1987. He also assists with the College's tennis teaching program, which offers associate degrees and certificates to prepare individuals for tennis coaching jobs, and operates summer tennis youth camps.

A certified member of United States Professional Tennis Players' Association, Peterson previously held coaching and teaching positions with Churchill High School and Nimitz Middle School in San Antonio and with Fort Dodge High School in Iowa.

He has guided TJC's men's teams to national champion-

ships in 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2002. And, as coach of ladies' teams, he has led squads to NJCAA championships in 1989, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Over that time period, no other college or university in the nation has accomplished as many national championships in tennis as the TJC Apaches and Lady Apaches.

"I appreciate the opportunity given me to direct the college's athletic programs and I have strived to lead TJC to the top of the NJCAA in all sports. Hopefully, the College will continue to move forward and take another step toward being the premium two-year institution in the country," Peterson

said today. "I have asked Dr. Crowe to allow me to return, exclusively, to my duties as tennis coach. I know the college is expertly served by Dr. Tim Drain, and I offer my full support to him and the future of our athletic administration."

In the fall of 1996, Peterson was named the Coach of the Year by the USPTPA. In 1990, he was named the Junior College Women's Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).

Peterson succeeded Dr. Billy Jack Doggett, who served as director of intercollegiate athletics from 1984 until 1996.



Peterson



Drain

Grants Allow TJC to Establish Center for Online Technology

The College recently received two separate grants to help establish a Texas Center for Online Technology. The grants for professional development and instructional technology total more than \$325,000.

In announcing the grants, Dr. Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources and the new project director for the Texas Center noted, "the grants will build on the College's history of success in reaching students through the latest technology." In addition, the grants will showcase the College's leadership in preparing faculty across the state to provide courses on the Web.

A \$155,000 grant awarded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will allow TJC to expand its work with *Internet Teachers at Every College*, a statewide initiative Slimp has chaired since 1999 to help faculty deliver courses via the Internet.

The second grant, a \$170,000 higher education award from the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund, is built around the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's plan entitled *Closing the Gaps*. Outcomes for the grant include the creation of training in the use of distance

learning and information sharing technologies, development of courses to be delivered through distance learning, and an upgrading of the college's technology infrastructure.

TJC's new Center for Online Technology is one of five special topic centers established within the Texas Collaborative for Teaching Excellence, a new Carl Perkins funded initiative awarded through the Coordinating Board. Additional Centers include a Center for Teaching and Learning at El Paso Community College, the Center for Classroom Technology at South Texas Community College, a Center for Career and Personal Development at the College of the Mainland, and the Center for Discipline Development at Houston Community College, Northwest.

The TJC Center will be built around the college's existing Faculty Innovation Center, located in the TJC Vaughn Library. Under the direction of Dr. Suzanne Marrs, the Innovation Center offers technology training and course development support for TJC and other faculty in the region.

Grant funds are provided to conduct approximately 50 workshops at TJC and other colleges during the next year and to offer online courses to over 500 faculty statewide.

Enrollment Breaks Record

The College reported a total of 9,060 credit students enrolled on its census day of September 6. The total is the college's highest-ever enrollment. The head count represents a 7.2 percent increase from last year's total of 8,451.

"This growth in enrollment is due to the hard work of many individuals, including our admissions office staff," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. "We look forward to continued growth as we meet the educational needs of our region," Crowe said contributing factors to the increase in enrollment include the success of TJC admissions recruiters, a greater number of Internet-based courses offered by the College, a higher percentage of high school graduates choosing to go to college immediately following completion of high school and students' increased interest in remaining close to home.

The College also reported an all-time high in contact hours at 1,953,132, surpassing last Fall's record total by 5.73 percent. The Texas Higher Education Coordinator Board will release certified totals on Texas institutions in November.

Alpha Omicron Aids Charities

The Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa donated more than 2,000 books to the Literacy Council of Tyler and more than 300 cans of food to the East Texas Food Bank, Cathryn Cates, Phi Theta Kappa sponsor said. "TJC students, graduates, faculty, staff and the public brought food to feed a body and books to feed a mind through the Project Graduation program," Emilie Copeland, Alpha Omicron vice-president, said.

"Contributions to charitable organizations usually decrease this time of the year. The contributions will help local children who otherwise may not have enough nutritious food to eat and books to read," Cates said. "We really appreciate everyone who helped make this project a success."



ADMIRAL DISTINCTION—TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe and Retired Admiral Bob R. Inman, retired deputy secretary of the CIA, pose with Matthew Cates and Meredith McWilliams following the All-Texas Academic Team Luncheon in Austin on May 28. Cates and McWilliams, TJC sophomores and members of the Alpha Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, were both named to the First Team. Inman, a TJC graduate of 1948, served as the keynote speaker for the TJC-hosted event, which attracted more than 400.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

During Opening Activities for the Fall 2002 semester, Faculty Senate President **Phyllis Brunner**, instructor/department chair, respiratory care, announced finalists and the winner of the 2002 Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award. Finalists were **Judith Young**, instructor, medical office management/office technology; **Gigi Beaton**, instructor, computer information technology; **Marshella "Shelley" Kersh**, instructor, computer information technology; **Susie Johnston**, instructor, reading and success oriented studies; and **Dr. Alan Barnes**, instructor, English.



Dr. Alan Barnes

This year's award of a \$1,000 annual stipend was awarded to **Dr. Alan Barnes**. The other finalists receive a \$200 stipend. The funds may be used to continue the pursuit of educational excellence.

The Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award is made possible because of an endowment established with the TJC Foundation in 1987.

Brunner also presented this year's Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award, which was presented to **Nancy Francis**, a part-time biology instructor.

Dr. Crowe announced three winners of a W. Oscar and Marquerite Herrin Award for staff excellence. The award was made possible by TJC instructor **Sarah Harrison** and was established in honor of her parents. It recognizes outstanding work of TJC classified staff members. Winners for 2002 were **Frank Jakubik**, maintenance supervisor; **Sue Gossett**, staff coordinator, school of allied health and nursing; and **Tracy Rea**, staff technician, purchasing and central services. Winners receive a plaque and a \$500 stipend.



Left to right: Frank Jakubik, Tracy Rea and Sue Gossett pose with Sarah Harrison.

ALUMNI

TJC Alumni Association Selects Honorees for 2002

The TJC Alumni Association's Board of Directors have selected five outstanding individuals to honor at this year's Homecoming Alumni Awards Luncheon at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 12. Recipients are selected for their contributions to society, the college, and/or their life's work, thus bringing honor to Tyler Junior College.



RAYFORD SCOTT JONES, M.D.
Distinguished Alumni Award

The President of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Jones has held his position as the S. Hurt Watts Professor and chairman of surgery at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, Virginia since 1982.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Jones has been awarded numerous honors and held many leadership positions in surgical organizations. He has authored or co-authored more than 160 articles in a wide range of medical and surgical journals. He has been devoted to teaching students, residents and other practicing surgeons, as well as, promoting research.

After graduating from TJC in 1956, he attended The University of Texas at Austin and then entered The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston where he received his medical degree in 1961.

At TJC he served as student council vice president, band officer, was voted class favorite and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.



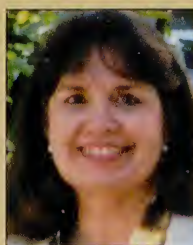
RUTH ELIZABETH FLYNN
Apache Spirit Award

Director of the Apache Belles since 1985, Ruth has taught over 600 Belles. Through her leadership, the Belles have performed all over the world including: Ireland, Japan, Washington D.C., New York City, and Disney World.

Ruth began Belle Babes, a dance workshop and camp, which has brought hundreds of young girls to campus and given them an opportunity to interact and perform with the Belles. In 1997, she organized the Apache Belles' 50th Anniversary Celebration and brought back Belles from all over the nation, representing every decade, to once again "walk the rim."

She received her associate's degree from Kilgore College,

earned her bachelor of science at North Texas State University and her master's degree at The University of Texas at Tyler. She choreographed the Rangerettes from 1977 to 1984, was head of choreography for Dancin' USA and has taught high school groups throughout Texas.



JUDITH A. PILGRIM
Black and Gold Award

Over the past 30 years, Judi has inspired hundreds of students to become researchers, surgeons, dentists and educators. Although not a graduate, Judi became part of the TJC family by teaching all our freshman labs while still working on her master's degree at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Since 1997, she has been selected the project director for Science Eisenhower Professional Development grants and has received \$650,000 for her projects. Through her program, area elementary teachers learn crafts, special projects and demonstrations that will help them bring science to life in their classrooms.

Judi has participated in various travel studies including trips to Australia and the Galapagos Islands. She has received numerous professional honors including the NISOD Master Teacher Award from The University of Texas at Austin. She has also co-authored a biology lab manual and a modern day novel about Texas ranching.

A biology teacher at TJC since 1972, Judi received her bachelor degree from Houston Baptist University and her master's from Stephen F. Austin State University.



AARON BONDS
Special Recognition Award

Currently employed at Robstown ISD, Aaron has worked as a special education teacher and track, cross country and football coach at high schools in the Corpus Christi area since 1985. He has spent over 15 years volunteering with the Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department and has devoted his life to inspiring children and motivating them to succeed.

Coach Bonds has received dozens of awards for his years of volunteerism and was nominated for the Jefferson Award and a finalist for the Tom Landry Coach of the Year Award for Special Olympics. He was also recognized for his community volunteerism in 2000 and presented the Afro-

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American Achievement Award in 1998.

A graduate and starting linebacker at both TJC and North Texas State University, he received his AA degree in 1970 and his bachelor's degree in 1972.



DR. JOHN CLIFF BOUCHER
Valuable Young Alumni Award

A post-doctoral research fellow at Harvard Medical School's Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Dr. Boucher is currently working to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

He has published numerous articles and contributed to textbooks on his high-tech, cutting edge research. Cliff also lectures on Immunology, Microbiology and Infectious Disease at Harvard Medical School.

He has gained national recognition as the recipient of the Cystic Fibrosis Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship 2001–2003 and was awarded the University of Michigan Inventor Recognition for 2001.

After receiving his associate degree in biology from TJC in 1987, he received his bachelor of arts degree from Austin College, his master's degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, and earned a Ph.D. in Microbiology at the University of Michigan.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING—OCTOBER 12, 2002

- 10–11 a.m. Reception for all Alumni, Rogers Student Center, 2nd floor
- 10:45 a.m. Band Pep Rally, Rogers Student Center, Front Entrance
- 11:00 a.m. Alumni Awards Luncheon, Rogers Student Center Apache Rooms
(Tickets are \$10—no charge for alumni members)
- 1:00 p.m. Special Reunions: Band, Harmony & Understanding/Choir, Phi Theta Kappa,
former students from the Fabulous Fifties, and all former students, Rogers Student Center
- 1:15 p.m. 55th Anniversary Reunion for the Apache Belles, Rose Stadium
- 2:15 p.m. Band, Belles, and Belle Gold Walk the Rim, Rose Stadium
- 2:35 p.m. Homecoming Queen and King Presentation, Rose Stadium
- 3:00 p.m. Homecoming Game, TJC vs. Navarro College, Rose Stadium
(Admission is free for all alumni members and everyone attending the luncheon)
- 7:30 p.m. Theatre Production: *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, Jean Browne Theatre, (Tickets are \$5)
- 10:00 p.m. Reunion for Las Mascaras/Theatre Alumni, Tyler Museum of Art, (Immediately following the play)

Other Campus Homecoming Events (October 8–11) include:

Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Mystery Dinner Theatre, Rogers Student Center, Apache Rooms

Friday, 7:00 p.m.—Campus Capers Talent Show, Wise Auditorium, Pep Rally immediately following

RSVP by October 7th, by calling the Alumni Office at 903-510-2371 or 1-800-687-5680. You can fax us at 903-510-2632, email us at bbri@tjc.edu, or mail to TJC Alumni, P. O. Box 9020, Tyler, TX 75711.

Please check which receptions (no charge) you will be attending:

- ☐ Apache Band ☐ Belle Gold ☐ Harmony & Understanding/Choir ☐ Las Mascaras/Theatre Alumni
☐ Phi Theta Kappa ☐ Former Students from the Fabulous Fifties ☐ All Former Students

____ Number attending Alumni Awards Luncheon (\$10 each) TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

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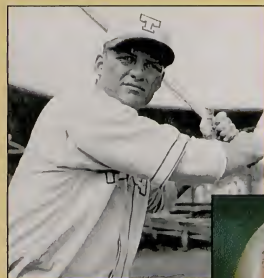
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Class Notes

1942

♣ **Leon "Chub" Mitchell** and his wife Margaret recently returned from an Eastern European cruise. Leon, a semi-retired oilman, loves to tell everyone about the days when Brady Gentry recruited him and helped him get a full athletic scholarship to TJC. A member of our championship basketball team for two years, he joined the Navy and went on to play for the Seabee Baseball Team in California. He was later sent to Iwo Jima where he assisted with the invasion and then helped organized athletic events on the island. After the war, he was recruited by The University of Texas



at Austin to play both basketball and baseball



and went on to play professional baseball in the minors. A member of the UT Longhorn Hall of Honor Court, Leon remembers his TJC days and continues to be a loyal Apache supporter.

1949

♣ ♣ **Herb and Joanne (Gentry) Richardson** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Lake Livingston State Park with family and friends. While at TJC, Herb was a member of our 1949 National Championship Basketball team and Joanne was Basketball Queen that year. Both retirees of TJC, she was an English instructor and he was a counselor and coach. Herb currently serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

1955

Marlin R. Smith is a certified public accountant in Athens and was recently named an honorary member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Marlin is president of Smith, Lambright and Associates, PC located in Athens. While at TJC, he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and graduated summa cum laude. He is also a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife Pat have been married for 36 years and have two children, Felicia of Pasadena, California and Sterling of Dallas.

1958

Don Cravens and his wife Evelyn, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their daughters. Together they own and operate Cravens Television Service, from their home, in Whitehouse.

1963

Maurice Stonewall's monograph, "Stonewall Jackson's Surgeon: Hunter Holmes McGuire" (1993) marked its second printing as of August 1 to coincide with the film production "Gods and Generals."

1966

♣ **Vern Lewis**, a member of our "Ironman 8" conference championship basketball team, currently lives on South Padre Island with his wife



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Dainty and their two daughters. The owner of Isla Coastal Clothing, Vern enjoys all the benefits of island living and goes fishing in the gulf every chance he gets. He invites everyone to come visit and check out the little corner of his shop where he proudly displays some of his favorite TJC photos.

1968

♣ ♣ **Dr. Allen and Kay Byrd** have moved back to Alpine where Allen is again in family practice and Kay is a nurse. Daughter Kim is attending The University of Texas at Austin and getting married in November. Son Hugh graduated from Austin College and is working in the Dallas area. While at TJC, Allen played football and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He writes "My memories of my years at TJC get fonder with time and I realize more and more how God blessed me during that time."

1970

"Chief" **Hugh Bob and Terryca (McCoy) Fuller** live in Helotes and have two children. "Chief" retired after 30 years from the U.S. Air Force. While at TJC, he was a member of the Apache Band and Terryca was an Apache Belle.

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☆☆☆☆☆ Sherry Prater

Patterson ('70) has had a very busy summer this year with the marriages of both her daughters. **Julie Patterson Odom** ('00) former Apache Belle, was married in May and **Jennifer Patterson Lowe** ('97) former Apache cheerleader mascot, was married August 3. Sherry is the daughter of Kenneth and **Emma Lou Prater** ('46) and granddaughter of the late Ryan Patterson, a former tax assessor for the college. Sherry resides in Longview. Father of the brides, **Steve Patterson** ('68) also lives in Longview.



1975

☆ **Lillian (Edwards) Lockridge** has retired after 29 years as an LVN from The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. She was a member of the college's first Vocational Nursing Class.

1977

☆ **Melissa L. (Cox) Pulley**, a dental hygienist, has worked in the same office for the past 10 years and has been married to Nickey for almost 25 years. Oldest son Preston is a senior at United States Air Force Academy, son Caleb is a sophomore at Texas A&M University-Commerce, and son Andrew is a sophomore at Athens High. Melissa writes, "Thank you TJC! My two years spent with you 25 years ago were what set the stage for me to have a wonderful career ... and to meet and marry a 'good ol' East Texas boy."

1981

☆ **Kari (Rocha) Jones** and her husband, Curtis, reside in Abilene where Kari is pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology/counseling. After graduating from TJC Kari was a tennis pro then became a police officer. She was severely injured in the line of duty and has endured many surgeries and

learned to walk again. At TJC, Kari was involved in the tennis team, Christian Athletes and Recreational Leadership.

1982

Richard Gibbs has recently been appointed by Governor Rick Perry for a six year term on the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners which meets in Austin quarterly for a two day session to review aspects of vocational nursing. Richard is a licensed vocational nurse at Mesquite Community Hospital with more than 17 years of nursing experience.

1983

☆☆ **Mitch and Joan (Hamilton) Andrews** recently moved back to Tyler after an absence of almost 20 years. They most recently lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where they worked in arts administration for the Alliance Theatre Company, which is one of the top ten regional theatres in the country and part of Atlanta's Woodruff Arts Center. Mitch is now working for TJC as Director of Principal Gifts. He and Joan are also adopting a baby from China. While at TJC both Mitch and Joan were members of Las Mascaras and Delta Psi Omega and competed with the

college's Forensics Team. Mitch was also a member of Harmony and Understanding, Chamber Singers and the TJC Choir.

1996

Joy (Peggram) Isbell received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University in May and is now working at Argyle Veterinary Clinic (north of Ft. Worth). In June she married Brad Isbell, a civil engineer, and they are living in Justin, Texas.

1997

Camilia N. Brooks has moved back home to Tyler and is enjoying teaching freshman English at her former high school, Robert E. Lee. At TJC she majored in journalism, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as our 1996 Homecoming Queen. She graduated from Baylor University in 1999.



1999

☆ **Chris Wells** graduated Summa Cum Laude from Stephen F. Austin State University last summer and is working as a marketing coordinator at a fitness company in Tyler.

2001

☆☆ **Abraham Licerio** is attending Stephen F. Austin State University and is in his senior year. At TJC he was involved in Phi Theta Kappa.

☆ **Julie Michelle (Vining) White** and her husband, Joseph, reside in Kodiak, Alaska, where she is employed in elementary education and he is in the United States Coast Guard. Julie is currently working on her bachelor's degree from The University of Texas and will work towards her master's degree in the future.

2002

Mr. Jack Betts and his wife, Martha recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by having a celebration with family. Mr. Betts retired from TJC after teaching drafting and pre-engineering from 1955-1985. Mrs. Betts also retired from TJC after being the librarian for twenty years. Jack has once again returned to the classroom—as a student and is enjoying taking classes just for fun.

☆ Ms. Kimberly A. McKeown is a senior at The University of Texas at Tyler and is planning to graduate in May 2003. She currently works at ETMC as a nurse technician and her goal is to work there as a nurse following graduation. At TJC Kimberly was a nursing major, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Delta Mu.

☆ Jenny Joslin received her LVN degree in 1999 and her ADN degree in May. She plans to move to Dallas and work as an ER nurse at Presbyterian Hospital.

Marriages

1973

✧✧ Alicia Pappas and John Armstrong, El Paso

1987

Dina Haynes Kirkland and L.T. Miller, Tyler

Suzy Haley Wheeler and Max Saxon, Jr. ('83), Flint

1989

Gabriella Lynette Mass and Andy Frank Davis, Tyler

Holly Henry and Brian Roberts, Superior, Colorado

Linda Bee Tuley and Jeffrey Lynn Cooper ('94), Tyler

Phyllis J. Hill and Hosea Lee, Lewisville

1991

Deborah Antonette Jones and Stormy O'Michael Haney, Chandler

Karen Michelle Rice and Daniel Mark Williams, Tyler

Lori Anne Haynes and Terrence Lee Hunt, Tyler

1992

Teresa Baker and Michael Lazarz, Athens

1994

LaCrecia DeShawn Steward and Cedric Lavor Jones, Flint

Melissa Anne Garrett and Keith Allen Hopson ('98), Tyler

1995

Amy Leigh Menn and Adam Davidson Carroll, San Marcos

Heather Lonergan and Michael Beck, Jacksonville

Lori Michelle Stewart and Charles Brewster, Ben Wheeler

Tamia Machel Williams and Kendrick DeMon Stidom ('94), Cedar Hill

1996

Amy Hall and Michael Brown, Van

Amy Michelle Thornton and Jeffrey Wayne DesHotel, Webster
Angela Davis and Craig Shine, Tyler

Joy Peggram and Brad Isbell, Justin

Lisa Falzone and Robert Montgomery Hudson, Houston

Melissa Leigh Rogers and Cameron Ross Clayton, Bullard

Tracy C. Pearce and Charles C. Turner, Whitehouse

1997

Christina Medrano and Jon Michael Nixon, Ben Wheeler

Clariss Dawn Morris and Robert Bryan Parmley, Savannah, Georgia

Jennifer Patterson and Aaron Lowe, Longview

Ladona DeAnn Nall and Jason Lynn Cook, Tyler

1998

Cherry Cherese Collins and David Michael Hickman, Plano

Jena Nanette Simental and Scott Alan Roberson ('95), Tyler

Tanya Maureen Michael and Keith William Showen, Tyler

Tiffany Leigh Taylor and Michael Austin Shepperd, Arp

1999

Alison Gayle Burrow and Neal Riggins, Rockwall

Amber Elizabeth Cruse and Ben Allen, Tyler

Ashley Ann Stegall and Steve W. Hampton, Jr., Lubbock

Shanna Pierce and Glen Duke, Chandler

Zakiya Aisha Foreman and Terrance Dajuan Bircher, Houston

2000

Amy Lynn Foshee and Christopher Thomas Pate, Flint

Julie Michele Lott and Douglas Paul Castleberry, San Marcos

Julie Patterson and Jason Odom, Tyler

Kara Morris and Jeremy Johnson, Tulsa

Kristy Lynn Taylor and Brian Gregory Redman ('01), Tyler

Leslie Collins and Aaron German, Tyler

Tiffany Brooke Davis and Jeremy Wade Land ('01), Tyler

Traci Lynn Jowell and John Paul Speaker ('98), Bullard

Vanita Lynn Henson and David Joseph Weber, Whitehouse

2001

April Dawn Kampbell and Bradley Steven Armstrong, Tyler

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Jennifer Kaye Michal and Bradly Neal Cox, Tyler
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 Misty Michelle Tidwell and Jeremy Blake Lightfoot, Ben Wheeler
 ★ Rachel Leigh Kindel and Johnny L. Curry, Jr., Grand Saline
 Sarah Porter and Kinsley Robinson ('98), Tyler

2002

Amanda Marie Waters and Joseph Michael Loercher, Tyler
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 Ann Margaret Veliz and Daniel Luna, Tyler
 Claudia Hill and Jack Whitney Donaldson, Tyler
 Jennifer Roberts and Brent Dodd ('00), Jacksonville
 Jo Cash and Terry Thompson, Tyler
 Leah Marlene Ford and Kenneth Vent, Lindale
 Megan Colleen Hitt and Hunter Hudson Holt, Arlington
 Mindy Elice Jackson and Matthew Todd Scheffrahn, Dallas
 Peggy Jean Salman and Brian Samuel Fife, Tyler
 Raegan Davis and Jeff Quesenberry, Arlington
 Raenne Tidmore and Christopher Lance Ellis, Henderson
 Samantha Brooke Lowe and Billy Don Fortune, Tyler
 Sandra Hernandez and Humberto R. Maldonado ('01), Flint
 Shanna Kay England and Cory Lee Caldwell, New Harmony
 Shatahia Stewart and Jeremiah Blanton, Tyler
 Stephanie Renee Bishop and ☆ Jason Dwain Mazingo, Dallas
 Michell Joy Mullinnix and James Paul Kiel III ('00), Bullard

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John Campbell, April 19, Midland

1942

★ J. J. "Snooky" Saleh, August 10, Tyler

1948

Lila Sue Arnold Mullins, May 1, Black Mountain, N.C.

1950

John W. Roberts, July 29, Tyler

1952

Billy Wayne Andrews, May 23, Houston
 Janet Ann Brown, June 13, Angleton

1953

Ross Jackson Love, Jr., Dallas

1959

Gerald Crone, July 14, Simonton
 Josette Walker Smith, March 14, Humble

1963

Jack Marshall Simpson, Jr., April 26, Tyler

1973

Jack W. Foster, August 9, Tyler
 Ray Morgan Dodd, April 28, Tyler

1975

Alvin Crawford, June 8, Tyler
 Finis L. Haggerty, April 29, Tyler

1978

Jerry Lynn Dewberry, May 16, Tyler

1979

Earlene S. Mc Kinzie, June 17, Tyler

1980

Sarah Margaret Eikner, May 11, Tyler

1983

Kent George Robinson, July 9, Tyler

1988

Linda Kay Mallory-Spencer, June 21, Tyler

1990

Linda Gaye Brady, April 10, Tyler
 Tammy Rose Cutley, June 23, Mesquite

1995

Kara "K.K." Parker, June 8, Tyler

2000

Merle L. Hinkle, April 28, Tyler

2002

Christopher Leigh Cain, April 30, Tyler
 Josh Jolley, May 12, New Chapel Hill

TJC Family Memorials

Rena Marie Rea Macnab, May 17, Tyler

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Ruby Yarbrough, April 12, Hughes Springs

I Remember When ...

★ Margaret Clough LaPrade, daughter of TJC first President Dr. G. O. Clough, attended both the 75th Anniversary Founder's Day Celebration on Sept 17th and the Decades of Diamonds Dinner on April 26th and writes, "If he (Clough) were here today, he would be so proud of your college. His dreams have come true. Words can not express what a memorable night it was ... the food was just delicious and the program was the best I've ever seen. Everyone associated with TJC should be proud."



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